COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Proposal for a REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on the opening of a tariff quota of new potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for the first half-year of 1977, originating in Cyprus

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

By the terms of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus, in conjunction with the Protocol laying down certain provisions with respect thereto by reason of the accession of new Member States to the Community, Cyprus is to be entitled from 1 January 1974 to 30 June 1977 to annual duty-free quotas for the importation into Britain of new potatoes (sub-heading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff) originating in Cyprus, the annual amount of the quota to take account of traditional imports by Britain originating in Cyprus.

From the statistics to hand on British imports of the the first half-year of products concerned it appears that the quota for/1977 can be fixed at 110.000 long tons. This quota should accordingly be opened as indicated above.

This is the purpose of the annexed proposal.

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opening a Community tariff quota for new potatoes, falling within subheading 07.01 A Il of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus (1977)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament

Whereas the Protocol (L) laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus consequent on the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community, provides that during the period 1 January 1974 to 30 June 1977 the Republic of Cyprus shall be entitled to annual tariff quotas, free of customs duties, in respect of imports into the United Kingdom of new potatoes, falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus; whereas the

tariff quota must take into account the traditional United Kingdom imports from Cyprus; whereas taking this element into account it is advisable to fix the tariff quota for the period 1 January to 30 June 1977 at 110 000 long tons; Whereas equal and continuous access to the quota should be ensured for all importers and quota duties should be applied consistently to all imports of the product in question until the quota is used up,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A duty free tariff quota of 110 000 long tons shall be opened in the United Kingdom for the period 1 January to 30 June 1977 in respect of new potatoes, falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus.

Article 2

- 1. The United Kingdom shall ensure that importers of the product in question established in its territory have free access to the tariff quota.
- 2. The extent to which the tariff quota is used up shall be based on the quantities of the imported product in question entered for home use.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 133, 21. 5. 1973, p. 88.